

Meeting with Senator Grassley (R-IA) and other RFS Senators

Main Topics of Discussion: RFS Priorities

Background: This call stems from concerns Senators Grassley (R-IA) and Ernst (R-IA) have expressed regarding the RFS NODA (Published on October 2, 2017) and changing the treatment of RINs associated with exported gallons. This meeting is with key corn-state Senators to discuss their RFS priorities.

The following Senators have confirmed their attendance (EPW Members in bold): Grassley (R-IA), **Ernst (R-IA)**, Blunt (R-MO), **Rounds (R-SD)**, Sasse (R-NE). Senators Roberts (R-KS), Hoeven (R-ND), Moran (R-KS) are tentative.

Run of Show

- Senator Grassley delivers brief, initial remarks about his RFS priorities. He will also mention to the group how responsive you have been to his concerns.
- Administrator Pruitt will discuss actions taken on the RFS since February, and discuss ways to collaborate moving forward. Points to highlight:
 - Conventional RVO at 15 Billion
 - Point of Obligation
 - Higher Octane
 - RVP
- General discussion

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RFS NODA: On September 26, 2017, the EPA published a Notice of Data Availability (NODA) taking comment on two main concepts relative to the proposed 2018 RVOs:

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Treatment of Exports: In response to a principal's meeting where RFS impacts on the merchant refining industry were discussed, White House leadership requested EPA develop and vet potential options. One of these options is associated with the treatment of ethanol exports. The preliminary concept would maintain Renewable Identification Numbers (RINs) associated with exported gallons of ethanol. Currently that RIN (and associated value) is retired as the water's edge.

- This is a preliminary concept the agency has started to internally assess.

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EPA Attendees:

Ryan Jackson, Chief of Staff

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